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Applicant: Claus MEDER Conf.: 5955
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For: SERVICE UNIT FOR AN X-RAY EXAMINING DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 27, 2003

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (FOUR TIMES AMENDED) The X-ray examining apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the counterpart device is a card reader and said identification means is a card, said card reader and said card being structured such that said card reader can read said card with the card remaining attached to said operator.

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